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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Ad Hoc Requirements Committee  
SUBJECT : Priorities for NTPC Analysis of System One Tapes

1. The Air Force, as executive agent for the Department of Defense in managing the National Technical Processing Center (NTPC), has requested the views of the ELINT Intelligence Community to provide recommendations as to the order of priority in the processing of  missions.

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2. As a basis for discussion, the Air Force proposes that the same order of priority as established for photography on the same missions (reference:  ARC-M-53, 3 September 1957) be applicable to the ELINT analysis in so far as this is practicable in view of the sequence in which dupe tapes are received by NTPC from OSI CIA.

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3. For the information of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee, it is noted that an NTPC report based on reading of the tape is accomplished in from 1-2 days after which additional analysis and commentary by analysts are applied in the production of a final mission ELINT report from 4-5 days later. The Air Force proposes, if it were thought to be useful to the ELINT community, that the report in its state at the end of the read-out be disseminated as a preliminary report promptly, with full

understanding by all recipients that the final report should be looked to for the authoritative view of the NTPC. The Air Force proposes that within the secretarial means available to it this report would only be disseminated in one copy each to the Army, Navy, CIA, NSA (?) and may be in the form of rough notes reproduced by thermofax or other mechanical device. If the foregoing is not satisfactory, the Air Force would like to be advised.

4. For the information of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee, on a somewhat different but closely related matter, that it proposes to submit on behalf of the ARC subcommittee on ELINT requirements a statement of the ELINT requirements for penetration missions. It is believed that on the basis of the ELINT collection by AQUATONE as well as other sources it would be wise to establish clearly whether such requirements would be useful in planning further penetrations. Such a statement may be expected in the course of the next two weeks.

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